With regard to the second item, namely, the cold storage plant, Sir, it is already under construction in the local Connemara Market. The work of construction has been entrusted to the Japanese firm who are supplying us the plant. They have sent in their own Engineers, and the work is being done under their own supervision. The Japanese Engineers have suggested certain additions and modifications to be made in the plant for re-cooling the water used in cooling the ammonia expansion tubes. I consider it necessary to accede to their request because we might then make the Japanese Engineers directly responsible for the proper working of the plant. The additional expenditure asked for is for these alterations in the plant. In view of the fact that there is immense possibility for the cold storage of fish in Travancore and that our fishery recources constitute an untapped source of potential wealth, I have no doubt that the House will allow this Demand also.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know whether there is large storage of fish not sold in the markets which require cold storage for sale later when demand arises?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Yes, and that is all the more the reason why the plant should be erected as early as possible.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know whether the Japanese firm has undertaken to keep the plant in repair, and, if so, how long?

Mr. K R. Narayana Aiyar: No, Sir. They will put the plant into working order and give necessary advice.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know whether there is any one here who can attend to the plant if it gets out of order?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Yes.

The Demand was put to vote and carried. The grant was made.

SCIENTIFIC AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT.

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 3,000 under Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments.

This grant is intended for the purchase of Cameras and other equipment for the Photographic Department. This Department, as honourable members are aware, was till recently under a fairly high-paid photographer. He has now gone on leave preparatory to retirement. After he went on leave Government have reorganised the department and placed it under the control of the Director of

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Information. Two photographers on Rs. 50 each plus a monthly allowance of Rs. 10 have been appointed. The cameras and other equipment now in the department are old, and not suited to take really good photographs. It has therefore become necessary to purchase new cameras.

This department has now undertaken the supply of pictures to the press and has already started making a small income by the sale of pictures.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : What is the amount realised till now by the sale of pictures ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: In the course of a few weeks, photographs have been sold for about Rs. 250 ; and, with better cameras and better equipment, we hope to make better pictures.and get a larger income by their sale.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : Do the Government expect payments for the photographs that they supply to the Madras papers ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N Kunjan Pillai: Pictures are sold to all papers, and we expect payments for all photographs supplied, whether it be to the Madras papers, Calcutta papers or local papers.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: May I know whether pictures are sold to foreign tourists who visit our country ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : It is proposed to keep a stock of picture Post Cards in the Mascot Hotel and the Guest Houses for sale to tourists.

President : It may be of interest to the honourable members of the House that the real influx of tourists is starting next week, and thereafter every fortnight there will be a party of tourists visiting Travancore. Travancore has been included in their itinerary by Thomas Cook's and other tourist firms. It is hoped that local merchants will take advantage of the visits by these tourists.

The Demand was put to vote and carried. The grant was made.

ELECTION TO THE SENATE OF THE TRAVANCORE UNIVERSITY.

President : If honourable members have no objection, the election to the Senate may take place just now before we take up the Agricultural Credit Bank Bill.

Dr. Kunjan Pillai and Mrs. Gnanasikamani will be the scrutineers.

The election was then conducted.

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